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In application of:

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For: LOW WEAR AND LOW FRICTION COATINGS FOR ARTICLES
MADE OF LOW SOFTENING POINT MATERIALS

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment for the above referenced application. The Notice of Abandonment, which was mailed on February 9, 2004, (a copy of which is enclosed), indicated the application as being abandoned as a result of Applicants' failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this paper, including all enclosures referred to herein, is being facsimile transmitted to: Tom Hawkins at facsimile number 703-305-8755 on:

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The Notice of Allowance was mailed on September 24, 2003. On October 28, 2003, an Issue Fee Transmittal was forwarded to the Patent and Trademark Office by facsimile. The Auto-Reply acknowledgement was returned date stamped October 28, 2003. A copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal and the Auto-Reply acknowledgement are enclosed with this Petition.

In accordance with MPEP § 711.03(c)I, no fee is believed to be appropriate or necessary for this Petition. In the event, however, that the Patent Office determines that a fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1510 for the Petition fee, without prejudice as seeking a later refund in order to return the application to active, allowed status.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Petition be granted. In such event the Patent Office is authorized to charge the issue fee to the Deposit Account No. 06-1510 as originally indicated in the Issue Fee Transmittal dated October 28, 2003.

If the Patent Office has any questions regarding this communication, please do not hesitate to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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